REMARKS

Claims 1-26 are pending in the present application. Claims 15-26 were canceled; claims 1, 3, 6 and 7 were amended; and claim 27 was added. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

Amendments were made to the specification to correct errors and to clarify the specification. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments to the specification.

The examiner has stated that a restriction to one of five sets of claims is required under 35 U.S.C § 121. The examiner has grouped the claims as follows:
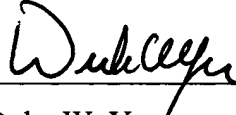
> I. Claims 1-14, drawn to a method for serving an image from a server to a client, classified in class 358, subclass 403.
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> II. Claims 15-17, drawn to a method for serving a web page at a web server, classified in class 358, subclass 426.04.
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> III. Claims 18-23, drawn to a computer program product for serving bitmap-adjusted images to a plurality of web clients, classified in class 358, subclass 426.16.
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> IV. Claims 24-25, drawn to a server which delivers an applet to a given web client for execution on the web client by a user, classified in class 358, subclass 442.
>
> V. Claim 26, drawn to a computer program product electronically deliverable to a web client for execution in a browser virtual machine, classified in class 358, subclass 426.12.

Office Action dated October 1, 2002, page 2. After reviewing the claims and the groups identified by the examiner, applicants elect group I, which contains claims 1-14 without traverse.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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APPENDIX: REDACTED CLAIMS

1.   A method in a server for serving an image from [a] the server to a client, comprising the steps of:

receiving a client request from the client, wherein the client request specifies [specifying] a set of one or more bitmap characteristics for an image transfer, at least one of the bitmap characteristic including a number of bits per pixel;

responsive to [a] the client request, generating a version of [the] an image for the image transfer that conforms to the set of specified bitmap characteristics; and

serving the version of the image back to the client.

3.   The method as described in Claim [3] 1 wherein the step of generating the version of the image includes processing the image according to the specified bitmap compression format.

6.   The method as described in Claim 1 wherein [the step of specifying] the set of bitmap characteristics [includes] is specified at the client by setting a graphic control.

7.   The method as described in Claim [1] 6 wherein the graphic control is a slider having first and second positions and a plurality of intermediate positions.